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Examiner : Dianne Rees
Group Art Unit : 1807
Applicants : Bernard F. Mach et al.
Serial No. : 08/484,786
Filed : June 7, 1995
For : DNA SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE
DR β -CHAIN LOCUS OF THE HUMAN LYMPHOCYTE
ANTIGEN COMPLEX AND POLYPEPTIDES,
DIAGNOSTIC TYPING PROCESSES AND PRODUCTS
RELATED THERETO

New York, New York
January 26, 1998

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)
TO WITHDRAW FINALITY

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), applicants hereby request to have the "finality" of the previous final rejection in the above-identified application withdrawn and to have the first submission after final rejection, filed concurrently herewith, entered and considered on the merits. A check in the amount of \$790.00 in payment of the fee required under

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(r) is enclosed herewith. This is the first time that applicants have paid the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(r).

This application has an effective pendency of at least two years on June 8, 1995, taking into account reference to earlier-filed applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This request and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(r) are being filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.192 and prior to abandonment.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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